

## **The U.S. Embassy in Seoul is transmitting the following information as a public service to American citizens in the Republic of Korea.**

According to the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC), Tropical Storm Khanun, currently located off the southern coast of Japan, is moving towards the Korean peninsula and is expected to make landfall on the Island of Jeju around the evening of July 18th and will continue to move north bringing heavy rain and strong winds to the Korean peninsula for some days. For specific information on the storm, please refer to the Korean Meteorological Administration for further information.

<http://web.kma.go.kr/eng/index.jsp>

Typhoons can cover areas of up to 500 miles (800 km) in diameter and generate winds up to 180 miles (290 km) an hour. The typhoon season in East Asia Pacific runs from May through October, with most activity from July to September. Typhoons that hit the region are often accompanied by damaging high tides. Persons living in areas close to the ocean are especially at risk. Landslides are also a serious concern during periods of heavy rain. A typhoon advisory (Jui) will be issued when the weather can cause damage. Typhoon warnings (kyungbo) will be issued when heavy widespread damage is expected due to the weather. For English-language information on the typhoon situation on the Korean peninsula, please refer to Armed Forces Network FM at 102.7, and/or TBS English FM 101.3.

Being prepared for a typhoon means keeping informed on the progress and severity of the storm, and taking some common-sense precautions to minimize the problems a typhoon may cause for you. National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) of the Republic of Korea provides safety guidelines on preparing for a typhoon. For these safety tips, please refer to [http://eng.nema.go.kr/sub/cms4/4\\_1.asp](http://eng.nema.go.kr/sub/cms4/4_1.asp)

Continue to monitor local radio and other media, and the National Weather Service to be aware of weather developments. Minor tropical storms can develop into hurricanes or typhoons very quickly, limiting the time available for a safe evacuation. Inform family and friends of your whereabouts and remain in close contact with your tour operator, hotel staff, transportation providers (airlines, cruise lines, etc.), and local officials for evacuation instructions during a weather emergency.

We strongly encourage U.S. citizens to enroll with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate through the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) website. By enrolling, you will receive the Embassy's most recent security and safety updates during your trip. Enrollment also ensures that you can be reached during an emergency. While we will do our utmost to assist you in a crisis, be aware that local authorities bear primary responsibility for the welfare of people living or traveling in their jurisdictions.

Additional information on hurricanes and storm preparedness can be found on the Department's "Hurricane Season - Know Before You Go" webpage. You can get updated information on travel from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States and Canada or, from outside the United States and Canada, 1-202-501-4444.